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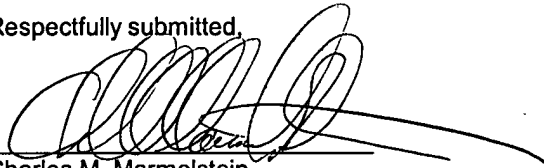
REMARKS

JP 63-123469 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,810,540. A copy of which is enclosed.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	4,810,540	3/7/1989	Ellison et al			
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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